4. Provision of road signs and speed breakers at the approaches of unmanned level crossings to warn the road vehicle drivers and reduce their speed.

5. Ensuring visibility for road users as far as possible.

6. Involvement of village panchayats, local farmers owning tractors, under public awareness programme.

7. The Railways have also been coordinating with the State Governments/Road Transport Authorities for education of vehicle drivers and for strict enforcement of rules.

8. A train actuated warning device developed by M/s BEL is currently under trial. This will sound a hooter and flash a light when a train is approaching the level crossing at a distance of 2 kms.

Non-Declaration of Bilaspur as a Railway Zone

*417. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a big resentment in Madhya Pradesh for non-declaration of Bilaspur as a Railway Zone; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to remove discontentment among the people of the region?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) A number of references have been received expressing resentment over the issue.

(b) The Government is according high priority to the development of the rail infrastructure in the area, for which several new works are planned.

India-Oman agreement for setting up a Fertilizer Plant

*418. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed an agreement with Oman for setting up a fertilizer plant in the joint sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work on this project will be started and the likely time of its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) to (c) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Government of India/ Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited [KRIBHCO]/Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited [RCF] and the Government of the Sultanate of Oman/ Oman Oil Company on 30th July, 1994 to prepare a Detailed Feasibility Report [DFR] for setting up a 3500 tonnes per day ammonia and 4400 tonnes per day urea project in Oman at an estimated cost of US $ 897 million [now revised to US $ 1106 million], including financing charges. As per the implementation schedule, work on the project is to start in March, 1997 and be completed by March, 2000. The investment decision is yet to be taken by the project sponsors.

Increasing Subsidy on Drip Irrigation for Oilpalm

*419. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has represented for increasing the subsidy for providing drip irrigation for oilpalm;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken thereon; and

(d) the measures taken to increase the subsidy to boost export of oilpalm?